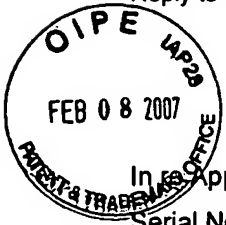


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed October 12, 2006, leave to amend the above-identified application as follows respectfully is requested:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.